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SUBJECT: PARTICIPATION OF HUD UNDER SECRETARY RHINELANDER
IN ECE SPONSORED STUDY TOUR IN U.S.S.R., SEPT. 11-22, 1976

REF: A) STATE 149950; B) STATE 174356

1. FOLLOWING THE 37TH SESSION OF THE HOUSING, BUILDING AND
PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE U.N. ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
IN GENEVA, SEPTEMBER 6-10, 1976, HUD UNDER SECRETARY JOHN B.
RHINELANDER, ACCOMPANIED BY CHARLES N. RASSIAS OF HUD OFFICE
OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, PLANS TO PARTICIPATE IN ECE SPON-
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SORED STUDY TOUR WHICH U.S.S.R. IS HOSTING SEPTEMBER 11-22.

THERE MAY BE AN ADDITIONAL TWO STUDY-TOUR PARTICIPANTS FROM THE U.S. DELEGATION TO GENEVA MEETING.

2. ABBREVIATED VERSION OF STUDY TOUR ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 - DEPART GENEVA AT 12:05 P.M. VIA SU 272, ARRIVING MOSCOW 6:00 P.M. AFTER DINNER THAT EVENING GROUP DEPARTS AT 11:00 P.M. BY TRAIN FOR LENINGRAD.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 - GROUP ARRIVES LENINGRAD AT 8:00 A.M.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 - DEPART LENINGRAD AT 11:00 P.M. FOR

MOSCOW BY TRAIN. ARRIVE MOSCOW AT 8:00 A.M. AND PROCEED TO HOTEL; 10:00 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M. MEET WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE STATE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL CONSTRUCTION AND ARCHITECTURE AND VISIT RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR HOUSING; 2:30 TO 7:30 P.M. INSPECT RESIDENTIAL HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, FOLLOWED BY RECEPTION AT 8:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 - VISIT INDUSTRIALIZED HOUSING/COMPONENTS FACTORY; AT 3:00 P.M. DEPART BY PLANE, ARRIVING VOLGOGRAD AT 6:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 - MEET WITH VOLGOGRAD CITY COUNCIL AND TOUR HISTORICAL AND OTHER SITES.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 - VISIT HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS ("ESTATES") IN THE MORNING AND LATE AFTERNOON AND IN THE EVENING VIEW DEVELOPMENTS FROM VOLGA RIVER BY MOTOR LAUNCH; 8:00 P.M. DINNER AND PREPARATION FOR DEPARTURE FOR TASHKENT.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 - 12:40 A.M. REPEAT A.M. DEPART BY AIR FOR TASHKENT, ARRIVING 4:40 A.M.; FREE TIME UNTIL LUNCH AT 1:30 P.M., FOLLOWED BY TOUR OF THE CITY FROM 3:00 TO 6:00 P.M.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - MEET WITH TASHKENT CITY COUNCIL AND TOUR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE CENTER OF THE CITY IN THE MORNING, FOLLOWED BY VISITS TO INDUSTRIALIZED HOUSING UNCLASSIFIED

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FACTORIES FROM 3:00 TO 6:30 P.M.; VISIT THEATER AT 7:00 P.M. (SIC).

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 - VISIT A SUBURBAN STATE FARM FOR THREE HOURS IN THE MORNING WITH A TOUR OF NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS FOLLOWING LUNCH; AFTERNOON ROUND-UP SESSION FOLLOWED BY A FAREWELL DINNER AT 7:00 P.M.

FINAL ITEM ON ITINERARY WRITTEN AS FOLLOWS:

"WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 AND THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 -
DEPART BY AIR FOR MOSCOW AND DEPARTURE FROM MOSCOW OF
PARTICIPANTS IN THE STUDY TOUR."

3. ACTION REQUESTED: POST PLEASE NOTIFY YURI A. PLOTNIKOV
(REF.A) MOSKVA K-9, PUSHKINSKAYA U1.24, GOSKOMITET PROGRAZ-
HDANSKOMU STROITELSTVU I ARKHITECTURE, OTDEL VNESHNYKH
SNOSHENII OF U.S. PARTICIPATION AND REQUEST HIS ADVANCE
REGISTRATION OF TWO HUD OFFICIALS AND POSSIBILITY OF AD-
DITIONAL TWO U.S. PARTICIPANTS WHOSE NAMES WILL BE FOR-
WARDED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. RHINELANDER AND RASSIAS
REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE AIRMAILED DIRECTLY TO PLOTNIKOV
AS SOON AS INFORMATION IS RECEIVED CLARIFYING EXACT DATE
OF CONCLUSION OF STUDY TOUR WHEN PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE
EXPECTED TO BE ON THEIR OWN. UNCLEAR FROM LAST ITEM ON
ITINERARY WHETHER OR NOT SOVIET HOSTS WILL COVER HOTEL,
ETC. FOR SEPTEMBER 22 OR PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE
MADE AIR RESERVATIONS FOR DEPARTURE FROM MOSCOW THAT DAY
ON ARRIVAL FROM TASHKENT. ALSO INFORM PLOTNIKOV THAT HUD
HAS JUST RECEIVED UNDATED "JULY 1976" LETTER FROM MR.
RODIN TO MR. DEWILDE WHICH STATES THAT STUDY TOUR DELE-
GATIONS ARE LIMITED TO TOTAL OF FOUR PERSONS AND THAT
TOUR PRICE HAS BEEN SET AT 470 RUBLES FOR WHICH "INTOURIST
AGENCY GUARANTEES THE TRAVEL: MOSCOW-LENINGRAD-MOSCOW-
VOLGOGRAD-TASHKENT-MOSCOW (APPROXIMATELY 6.5 THOUSAND
KILOMETERS), THE PROFESSIONAL EXCURSIONS, FIRST CLASS
FOOD AND LODGING (TWO PERSONS PER ROOM)." PLEASE ADVISE
PLOTNIKOV THAT USDEL WOULD APPRECIATE SINGLE ADJOINING
ROOMS FOR RHINELANDER AND RASSIAS. INTOURIST HERE RE-
QUIRES ADVANCE STUDY TOUR VOUCHER NUMBER FROM MOSCOW
BEFORE IT CAN ACCEPT PAYMENT AND THAT THIS IS UNLIKELY
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BEFORE AUGUST 15. HUD SUGGESTS THAT POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE
APPROACH WOULD BE FOR EMBASSY MOSCOW TO PAY THE USDEL FEES
DIRECTLY TO INTOURIST MOSCOW. POST MAY CHARGE TOTAL OF
940 RUBLES (OR DOLLAR EQUIVALENT IF NECESSARY) FOR
RHINELANDER AND RASSIAS TO AGENCY STATION SYMBOL NUMBER
86-01-0300, ACCOUNTING NUMBER 8663980(00711).

FYI: UNDER SECRETARY RHINELANDER DOES NOT REPEAT NOT
PLAN TO DISCUSS HUD-GOSSTROY BILATERAL RELATIONS UNDER
HOUSING AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT EXCEPT FOR IN-
FORMAL CONVERSATION IN ANY CONTACTS WITH SENIOR GOSSTROY
OFFICIALS WHO ARE EXPECTED TO BE INVOLVED IN FORMAL SUB-
STANTIVE AND REPRESENTATIONAL FUNCTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH
THE ECE STUDY TOUR PROGRAM. IF FEASIBLE, RHINELANDER
WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO CALL ON AMBASSADOR

STOESSEL SOMETIME DURING MOSCOW SEGMENT(S) OF STUDY TOUR.
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